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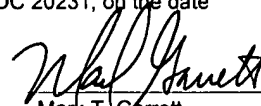
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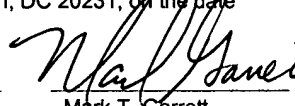
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Reference C9. Based on the English captions, or legends, beneath the figures, the inventor's present understanding of the relevance of this reference is that C9 deals with "Endoscopic stereotopography" of intracranial contents, and the figures reveal documentation of the endoscopic anatomy of the cerebral structures. The figure legends refer to surgical approaches directly through the skull as the route of access. Therefore, the authors of the paper performed endoscopy by craniotomy.

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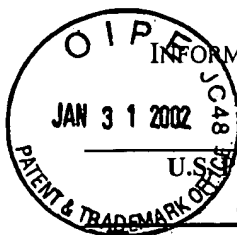
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